

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
April 4, 2014

Join us Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon for our annual spring cleaning. We'll clean up our City, have a light lunch, and have a chance to win a prize donated by one of our local businesses. Hope to see you there.

Dates to Remember:

April 8, 2014	Joint Workshop – City & County Commission on East Recreation
April 10 – 13, 2014	28 th Annual Sugar Festival
April 17, 2014	City Commission Workshop
April 21, 2014	City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Aaron's Furniture is now open at 949 West Sugarland Hwy., in the Clewiston Town Center (next to Dollar General).
- The Dunkin Donuts parking lot has been reconfigured to accommodate the drive through window. They anticipate opening during the week ending April 25th. The sign contractor has also made contact and a permit for all signage will be issued soon.
- Requests for lien searches have recently picked up with the vacant properties being sold. This has resulted in the collection of over \$20,000 in the past few weeks.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The "grand reopening" event is planned for the newly remodeled Library computer lab and classroom in conjunction with a Chamber Social.
- Do you have an interest in Microsoft certification of any type? The Library is considering providing this opportunity in the near future. Please let me know if you or anyone you know have an interest.
- Story time and the children's book club are still going on at the Library. Please help us keep these great programs alive with any contribution.
- Thanks for considering your Library as we face another summer of fun with our children which will include the children in Montura.
- Please go to your Library's web site and see two of the newest website links added. You will be surprised how helpful they are.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers worked a single vehicle traffic accident on West Del Rio at 12:50 a.m. Wednesday morning. A young lady was texting while driving and drove the car into the canal while attempting a left hand turn. Fortunately, she escaped the vehicle unharmed.
- Patrol responded to a burglary on East Pasadena early in the week. The suspect was arrested later in the day and the property was recovered.
- A background investigation is being conducted on a prospective police officer. Upon successful completion of the review, a drug screen and physical will be completed prior to offer of employment.
- As the season winds down, our call volume is taking a welcome drop. Hopefully, the trend will hold throughout the summer.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 992** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 437** Complaints Investigated
 - 16** Arrests Made
 - 16** Traffic Citations
 - 48** Traffic Warnings Issued
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation
 - 77** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 21** Alarms Responded To
 - 32** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 3** Traffic Accidents investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: Aerial sprays are scheduled for April 10th and 17th due to planned outside activities in the City.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff trimmed trees, cleared the intersection, and made irrigation repairs on Central Avenue and US27 this week. (2) New "Children at Play" signs went up in the Ridgewood area per requests from residents. (3) Pot hole patrol was out on Monday (4) Yellow street markings were painted on Tuesday.
- Training: Public Works and Utility staff will be in training Wednesday and Thursday on the proper procedures to use when working around underground gas lines.
- Facility Maintenance: Staff is finishing up the installation of new security lights on the Club House.
- Spring Cleaning: Local businesses have donated 15 items for prizes this year. Wal-Mart, Save-A-Lot, Garden Club, Fire Department and Beef O'Brady's have donated the food for the lunches. Public Works Director Scheffler was on the radio on Wednesday morning promoting the event. Several residents have indicated their intention to participate in the event and are looking forward to it.

Utilities Department Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew was been helping to prepare the park for the upcoming Sugar Festival April 12th. They also continue to trim trees.
- Mike Cox and Jason Crawford have been working on the traffic lights on US Highway 27.
- The Electric crew set a pole for a new service at the Harlem Cemetery.

- The Meter readers are sharpening their skills looking for illegal electrical and water connections and found two last week.
- The Water crew has been busy this week with water breaks and continuing to paint hydrants and lift stations.
- IT Administrator, Napoleon Key, is working on a Disaster Recovery Plan for our computer systems.
- Tyler training continued this week for implementation of an online web site.